CALCUTTA: Central Government is not aware of any proposals for increasing the per capita availability of water in Calcutta.

Dwelling units in the country

4617. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENTATRAMAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of dwelling units available in the country, city and town-wise figures;

(b) what is the shortage as on date in major cities; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve housing situation in urban areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) On the basis of 1981 census figures, NBO has estimated the usable housing stock and housing shortage in the country as on 1.3.93 to be 136.2 million units and 33 million units respectively.

(c) The National Housing Policy envisages various steps to improve the Housing situation in the country, particularly in urban areas. These include:—

1. removal of legal and other constraints and creation of an enabling environment for increased housing activity;

2. increasing the supply of housing finance;

3. stepping up to supply of developed land, infrastructural services, adoption of costeffective building technology and low cost building materials;

4. providing fiscal incentives for investment in housing activity; and

5. formulation and implementation of time-bound Housing Action Plans by State Govts. with the guidance of Central Govt.

Accommodation for the staff of Lady Harding Medical College

4618. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware of the number of government accommodation allotted to the professors and doctors of Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi by the Ministry of Urban Development (Housing) alongwith category-wise number thereof as on 31st May, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of applications received by the Government till date for allotment of government accommodation to the professors of this college together with the number of those who have been allotted accommodation by government;

(c) whether other Ministries in the Government have made recommendations to the Urban Development Minister regarding allotment of government accommodation;

(d) the number of government accommodation proposed to be allotted by Government to the aforesaid professors by 30th June, 1993; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE